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LOUISIANA TO HOLD $10^{\rm TH}$ ANNUAL MILITARY FAMILY DAY IN HONOR OF LOUISIANA'S FALLEN HEROES ON TUESDAY, MAY $6^{\rm TH}$

The Louisiana State Senate will hold its 10th Annual Military Family Day to honor Louisiana Fallen Heroes and their families on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., during the legislative session in the Senate Chamber at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Since the Military Family Day program's inception in 2005, the Senate has honored 189 fallen soldiers from Louisiana serving in the U.S. military for their sacrifice in defense of freedom.

This year, twelve heroes will be honored with a resolution, authored and read by Senator Robert Adley R-Benton, a veteran of the Vietnam War and United States Marine Corps, and will be passed by the entire membership. Each resolution will be presented to the soldier's family along with a state flag. The following soldiers will be honored:

- Louisiana Army National Guard Specialist Christopher R. Drake
- United States Army Sergeant Stefan M. Smith
- United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Christopher Wooley
- Louisiana Army National Guard Staff Sergeant John William Winsper, III.
- United States Army Staff Sergeant Joseph Emmanuel Anderson
- United States Army Command Sergeant Major Andre Miguel Johnson
- United States Army Staff Sergeant Richard Lee Vazquez
- United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Gregory J. Mullins
- United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Christopher O. Grant
- United States Navy Seal Mark D. Kennedy, Retired
- United States Air Force Sergeant Derek Emanuel Langford
- United States Marine Corps Private Trey Jewell

"A good soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him," said Sen. Adley. "We should do no less."

The ceremony will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber and a balloon release will be held immediately following the program on the steps of the State Capitol. The families of the fallen soldiers and all military families are invited and encouraged to attend.

For more information, or to read the resolutions honoring Louisiana's fallen heroes go to www.senate.la.gov and click on the Support Our Troops icon.